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SUBJECT: REMORED EMBARGO ON TEAK PRODUCTS

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1. ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, RTG IS DEFINITELY CONSIDERING BAN ON EXPORT OF TEAK LOGS AND CUT LUMBER. PURPOSE OF MEASURE WOULD BE TO DISCOURAGE ILLEGAL POACHING FROM GOVERNMENT OWNED FORESTS, WHICH HAS SERIOUSLY DEPLETED THAILAND'S TEAK RESERVES, AND TO ENCOURAGE PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF HIGHER-VALUE, TEAK FINISHED PRODUCTS. AS PART OF PROGRAM, RTG WOULD CANCEL EXISTING AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE TIMBERING FIRMS AND GRANT RTG FORESTRY ORGANIZATION MONOPOLY OVER PRODUCTION AND SALE OF UNFINISHED TEAK.

2. ALTHOUGH STATUS OF PROPOSED BAN WITHIN RTG DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IS NOT AT THIS STAGE ENTIRELY CLEAR, PRODUCERS OF TEAK ARE TAKING MATTER SERIOUSLY. BANGKOK POST REPORTED ON DECEMBER 7 THAT BOTH SAWMILLERS ASSOCIATION AND TIMBER EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS ASSOCIATION HAVE REGISTERED CONCERN WITH PM KRIANG SAK OVER "REPORT" PM SANCTIONED BAN. EMBASSY WILL KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON SITUATION AND REPORT DEVELOPMENTS.

2. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL RTG STATISTICS, THAILAND EXPORTED \$37.5 MILLION WORTH OF TEAK PRODUCTS DURING 1976 AND \$10.8 MILLION DURING FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1977.

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